



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.6
Soil moisture supplies: 15% very short, 35% short, 49% adequate, and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report
Louisiana experienced cooler and dryer conditions last week. Seasonal weather allowed for good harvest conditions for most crops. Harvesting of rice and sorghum edged closer to completion. Cotton harvest made good progress, 28 points ahead of the five-year average. Some beans were being defoliated by harvest aids due to an outbreak of cercospora disease causing yield loss. Sugarcane producers were wrapping up planting and preparing for harvest.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers were harvesting satsumas. Vegetable producers continued planting and working fall crops. Strawberry producers were busy preparing fields for planting. Crawfish farmers began to flood ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Second cutting of hay was near completion. Cattlemen were preparing fields for ryegrass planting.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	98	94	98	91
	Harvested	47	22	45	19
Hay	Second Cutting	99	99	98	96
Rice	Ripe	100	99	99	99
	Harvested	96	90	91	89
Sorghum	Harvested	99	98	99	95
Soybeans	Turning Color	91	82	84	86
	Dropping Leaves	82	68	74	75
	Harvested	59	43	46	48
Sugarcane	Planted	86	79	82	73
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	20	15	17	19

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	24	31	34	10
Soybeans	5	20	28	43	4
Sugarcane	11	20	32	34	3
Livestock	2	11	42	44	1
Vegetables	7	20	43	29	1
Sweet Potatoes	6	6	20	68	0
Pasture	12	23	43	22	0

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/11/11 TO 09/18/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
Minden	103	56	78	76	0.00	1.38	21.48	39.29
Mooringsport	102	61	78	MM	0.20	0.46	19.74	32.74
Shreveport South	(106)	62	79	MM	0.32	3.27	20.33	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	106	56	78	76	0.16	2.33	MM.MM	37.28
2. North-Central								
Homer/Hill Farm	103	52	75	75	0.05	0.76	21.84	39.55
Bienville 3 NE	100	57	79	76	0.03	2.46	27.67	43.41
Farmerville	96	55	74	MM	0.03	1.78	25.28	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	103	52	75	76	0.05	M.MM	MM.MM	40.58
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	93	55	74	76	0.00	2.87	31.89	42.18
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	77	0.00	4.33	36.27	41.11
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	77	0.00	5.53	37.52	40.41
Tallulah	94	56	75	76	0.00	3.29	33.76	42.28
Extreme/Average	94	55	74	77	0.00	M.MM	MM.MM	41.42
4. West-Central								
Leesville	97	58	77	77	0.00	3.84	22.32	40.96
Ashland	101	57	78	76	0.02	1.31	21.43	39.29
Hodges Gardens	97	58	78	MM	0.03	4.71	23.36	40.40
Extreme/Average	101	57	78	77	0.02	4.28	22.32	39.91
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	61	78	79	0.00	7.80	28.59	42.85
Jonesville Locks	MM	MM	MM	77	0.00	10.50	35.97	41.71
Eunice	95	60	78	79	0.00	5.04	26.29	43.19
Bunkie	95	60	77	78	0.00	9.58	30.99	44.10
Extreme/Average	96	60	78	78	0.00	7.47	28.62	43.44
6. East-Central								
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	8.23	45.17	48.89
LSU-Hammond	93	57	76	78	0.00	7.84	35.52	48.71
Slidell	90	60	76	78	0.00	11.98	44.65	47.93
Extreme/Average	93	57	76	78	0.00	11.98	44.65	48.49
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	97	61	79	78	0.00	3.13	23.42	43.44
Jennings	92	62	78	78	0.00	7.46	32.51	43.61
LSU-Crowley	92	61	78	78	0.00	6.57	35.13	44.09
Oberlin Fire Tow	94	60	77	78	0.00	5.85	26.49	48.14
Extreme/Average	97	60	78	79	0.00	4.49	26.49	44.56
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	92	62	76	78	0.00	10.38	35.44	46.40
LSU-Jeanerette	91	63	77	78	0.00	6.37	31.53	47.01
Morgan City	88	64	78	79	0.00	8.53	34.93	49.53
Lafayette	93	(41)	75	78	0.00	6.24	45.31	44.19
Extreme/Average	93	41	76	79	0.00	8.38	38.56	47.45
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	94	69	80	MM	0.00	11.30	34.17	43.10
Galliano	91	63	78	79	0.00	13.30	45.79	50.87
NO Audubon Park	95	66	81	80	0.00	11.93	33.48	49.06
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	9.97	42.49	48.81
Extreme/Average	95	63	81	80	0.00	11.93	MM.MM	49.15
State Averages	106	41	77	78	0.02	7.43	31.32	44.66

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through September 18, 2011

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